| क्र०सं० | उद्योग | कुल मामले |
|---|---|---|
| 11. | वाणिज्यिक कार्यालय एवं घरेलू उपकरण | 1 |
| 12. | मेडिकल और सर्जिकल उपकरण | 6 |
| 13. | औद्योगिक औजार | 2 |
| 14. | उर्वरक | 10 |
| 15. | रसायन | 63 |
| 16. | फोटोग्राफिक रा-फिल्म और पेपर | 6 |
| 17. | रंजक | 8 |
| 18. | ड्रग और फार्मास्युटिकल्स | 37 |
| 19. | वस्त्र | 139 |
| 20. | कागज और लुग्दी | 42 |
| 21. | चीनी | 14 |
| 22. | फर्मन्टेशन | 2 |
| 23. | खाद्य प्रसंस्करण | 59 |
| 24. | बनस्पति तेल और बनस्पति | 50 |
| 25. | रबड़ उत्पाद | 15 |
| 26. | चमड़ा, चमड़ा उत्पाद और पिक्र्स | 10 |
| 27. | शीशा | 6 |
| 28. | मृत्तिका-शिल्प | 12 |
| 29. | सीमेन्ट और जिप्सम उत्पाद | 36 |
| 30. | टिम्बर उत्पाद | 4 |
| 31. | विविध | 189 |
| 32. | अनुपलब्ध | 3 |
| 33. | जूट | 6 |
| 34. | चमड़ा एवं जूते, मशीन टूल | 1 |
| 35. | सीमेन्ट | 10 |
| 36. | इंजीनियरी | 4 |
| 37. | इलेक्ट्रानिक्स | 32 |
| | **जोड़** | 1008 |

**Seizure of Heroin at Wagah Border**

1448. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 21 kg of heroin was seized at the Wagah border, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 17th January, 1999;

(b) whether Afghanistani smugglers are having their links in India, through whom enormous quantities of heroin is exported clandestinely to some European countries; and

(c) if so, whether such elements in India have been indentified, particularly in the present case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Sir, 21.450 kgs. of heroin was seized by Customs Officers at Land Customs Station, Attari Road, Punjab on 15.01.1999.

(b) Intelligence reports as well as a few cases of seizures of heroin indicate links of Afghan smugglers in India.

(c) Yes, Sir. Indian contects of Afghan smugglers have been identified in a few cases booked in the past. In the present case also, the Indian links have been identified.

**Lowering of Import Duty on Methanol**

1449. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance propose to lower the import duty on methanol;

(b) if so, whether it harms the methanol producing petrol-chemical industries of India; and

(c) whether it would help the foreign companies for dumping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) The basic customs duty on Methanol has remained unchanged at 25% in this years budget. 5% special customs duty, which was chargeable prior to the budget has been abolished. However, surcharge at the rate of 10% of basic duty has been imposed. The

effective rate of customs duty, excluding the CVD and Special Additional Duty (SAD), after the budget would be 27.5% as against 30% prior to the budget.

(b) The reduction in customs duty being marginal, it is not likely to have a significant impact on the manufacturing industry.

(c) Dumping is a distinct issue, having no direct relation to the rate of duty.

**RBI Suggestion to State for Borrowing at Competitive Rates**

1450. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has suggested that State Governments should borrow at competitive rates based on individual strength;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (c) The market borrowing programme for State Governments is implemented by Reserve Bank of India, in 3 or 4 tranches during the year with the same preannounced coupon rate for all States for the amounts as allotted by Government of India. It was decided in a meeting of all Finance Secretaries of States that the State Governments be offered a facility to raise 5 to 35 per cent of their market borrowing in a flexible manner as regards timing, maturity and rate of interest. Reserve Bank is ascertaining the options of the State Governments regarding the loans to be raised by them through this facility during the year 1999-2000.

**Growth Rate of Indian Economy**

*1451. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth of Indian economy during the first nine months of the current financial year;

(b) how does it compare with the rate of growth registered during the corresponding months of previous year; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to boost growth rate particularly in the field of industrial production and exports?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) As per the advanced estimates released by CSO, the overall economic growth in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1998-99 is estimated at 5.8 per cent as compared to growth rate of 5 per cent during 1997-98 (Quick Estimates).

(c) The Economic Survey 1998-99 presented to the Parliament few days ago highlights major economic reforms initiated by the Government to provide stimulus to the economic growth in general and industrial and exports growth in particular. Further, Union Budget 1999-2000 also announced number of measures to restore the momentum of industrial growth, to boost investment particularly in the infrastructure sectors and to revitalise exports.

**Credit Deposit ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks in West Bengal**

1452. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the overall Credit Deposit (CD) ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks in West Bengal;